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APPLICANT: SKIRHA ET. AL )  
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FOR: INSTRUMENT PANEL WITH INTEGRAL ) EXAMINER:  
HIDDEN DOOR COVER AND METHOD ) LEE, EDMUND L  
OF IN-PROCESS MANUFACTURE )  
THEREOF )

**AMENDMENT UNDER §1.116**

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This is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 10, 2003, Applicants responds as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 19 and 20 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 12, 33, and 34, a "clean" copy of the amended Claims follows:

Claim 12. (Amended twice) A method of forming a hidden, integral passenger air bag door in an instrument panel cover, the method comprising:

forming the instrument panel cover having an inner surface and an opposing outer surface defining a single uniform layer, and

forming a deployment region in the inner surface of the instrument panel cover by contacting only the inner surface with at least one scoring device after initiation of the formation of the instrument panel cover creating at least one score therein, but prior to the cooling thereof, the at least one score defining the deployment region and providing a weakened tear pattern in

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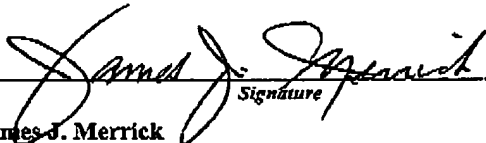
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